

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-60 (Cancelled)

61. (Previously Presented) The mobile electronic communications device of claim 73, wherein the mobile electronic communication device is configured to receive messages of two or more types, wherein the processor unit is configured to cause the light unit to manifest a further appearance of outputting the light with modulation that depends on the received message's type.
62. (Previously Presented) The mobile electronic communications device of claim 73, wherein each virtual key manifesting the appearance of being illuminated is associated with a contact, and each message is received from the associated contact.
63. (Currently Amended) The mobile electronic communications device of claim ~~62~~73, wherein ~~the processor unit is configured to cause a third~~processor unit is further configured to operate the first and the second virtual keys in an alternate mode to
initiate a message operation addressed to the first source in response to the selection, by the user, of the first virtual key, and
initiate a message operation addressed to the second source in response to the selection, by the user, of the second virtual key~~-virtual key to simultaneously manifest~~

~~another appearance of being illuminated to indicate that a message has been received from a contact associated with the third virtual key.~~

64. (Previously Presented) The mobile electronic communications device of claim 73, wherein the processor unit is configured to cause the virtual key to manifest a further appearance of outputting of light with modulation that depends on an age of a message received by the mobile electronic communication device.
65. (Previously Presented) The mobile electronic communications device of claim 64, wherein the manifested modulated light has a manifested color that depends on the age of a received message.
66. (Previously Presented) The mobile electronic communications device of claim 64, wherein the manifested modulated light has a manifested blinking rate that indicates a number of unread messages received from a contact.
67. (Original) The mobile electronic communications device in claim 64, wherein the message is a most recent message received from a contact.
68. (Original) The mobile electronic communications device of claim 67, wherein the message is an unread message received from the contact.

69. (Original) The mobile electronic communications device of claim 64, wherein the relative age is indicated using a plurality of predetermined age categories.
70. (Previously Presented) The mobile electronic communications device of claim 69, wherein each age category of the plurality of age categories is represented by a predetermined color of light manifested by the virtual light unit.
71. (Previously Presented) The mobile electronic communications device of claim 69, wherein each age category of the plurality of age categories is represented by a predetermined number of light flashes within a cycle manifested by the virtual key.
72. (Original) The mobile electronic communications device of claim 61, wherein the message is a SMS message.
73. (Currently Amended) A mobile electronic communications device comprising:
- a transceiver;
 - a touch-screen display; and
 - a processor unit coupled to the transceiver and touch-screen display, wherein the processor unit is configured to
 - cause a light unit to light a first virtual key selected from a plurality of virtual keys of the touch-screen display to indicate receipt of a message from a first source, the first source being the only one of a plurality of sources to be associated with said first

virtual key, wherein the lighted first virtual key manifests an appearance of being illuminated, ~~and~~

cause a light unit to light a second virtual key selected from a plurality of virtual keys of the touch-screen display to indicate receipt of a message from a second source, the second source being the only one of the plurality of sources to be associated with said second virtual key, wherein the lighted second virtual key manifests an appearance of being illuminated, and

cause the touch-screen display to display information associated with one or more messages received from the first source in response to the selection, by a user, of the first virtual key, and to display information associated with one or more messages received from the second source in response to the selection, by the user, of the second virtual key.

74-79. (Canceled)